

The rejection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

With respect to the rejection of the claims as being unpatentable over Inai, Hosoe or Ozaki et al., these cited patents are not references since the priority date of the present application of February 18, 1997, predates Inai having a filing date of April 1, 1997, Hosoe having a filing date of March 19, 1997 and Ozaki et al. having a filing date of May 16, 1997. Therefore, these patents are not references and cannot be used in the rejection of the claims of the present application.

In light of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejection of the claims as being unpatentable over Inai, Hosoe or Ozaki et al. is respectfully requested.

With respect to the rejection of the claims as being unpatentable over Dunworth et al., reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

The invention of the present application as recited in claim 15 is an information reproducing apparatus for playing an information recording medium on which address information indicating a location of at least one information server present on the Internet is recorded. The apparatus has an address-information acquisition means for acquiring said address information from said information recording medium; and related-information acquisition means for acquiring related information relating to said address information acquired by said address-information acquisition means from said at least one information server based on said acquired address information.

The invention of the present application as recited in claim 19 is an information reproducing method of playing an information recording medium on which address information indicating a location of at least one information server present on the

Internet is recorded. The method has an address-information acquisition step of acquiring said address information from said information recording medium; and a related-information acquisition step of acquiring related information relating to said address information acquired by said address-information acquisition step from said at least one information server based on said acquired address information.

The invention of the present application as recited in claim 23 is an information reproducing method for playing an information recording medium on which address information indicating a location of at least one information server present on the Internet is recorded. The invention has a reading unit for acquiring said address information from said information recording medium; and a browser for acquiring related information relating to said address information acquired by said address-information acquisition means from said at least one information server based on said acquired address information.

Dunworth et al. discloses a search engine which searches a database according to geographic areas and characteristics. The computer system has a computer network and an organizer which has a database and a search engine. The search engine searches this database within the organizer which is accessed through a computer network in order to find information relating to a specific entry in the database according to a geographical area.

Dunworth et al. fails to disclose, teach or suggest "acquiring said address information **from said information recording medium**" and "acquiring related information relating to said address information acquired by said address-information acquisition means from said at least one information server based on said acquired

address information" as recited in the claims. In short, these limitations state that certain addresses in the Internet would be acquired from a recording medium such as a CD ROM. Based on keywords typed in by the user, associated address information will be matched to the keywords and an address in the Internet will be accessed. Dunworth et al. at best discloses searching a database and getting an appropriate address from the database to access an Internet address. However, Dunworth et al. fails to disclose, teach or suggest acquiring address information **from an information recording medium**. Instead, Dunworth et al. discloses searching a huge database which is networked to a computer. Dunworth et al. does not disclose, teach or suggest acquiring the address information from the information recording medium as recited in the claims.

An advantage of this limitation is that the recording medium being searched is much smaller and will take much less time to search. For example, if one were to insert a CD which plays music but also has information on the recording artist, the artist label, lyrics and other websites associated with keywords, one could easily download this information from the CD onto their computer system. Keywords could then be typed in order to access relevant information without having to search such large databases. Thus, the search time will be lowered and better search results will be obtained linking one to appropriate websites quicker and more efficiently.

In light of the foregoing it is respectfully submitted that Dunworth et al. fails to disclose, teach or suggest "acquiring said address information **from said information recording medium**" and "acquiring related information relating to said address information acquired by said address-information acquisition means from said at least one information server based on said acquired address information" as recited in the

claims of the present application or the advantages thereof as described above.

Therefore withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

#### Newly submitted claims

Newly submitted claims 27-56 are submitted to clearly define the invention of the present application. For example in claim 27 in one embodiment of the invention a remote system as recited in claim 27 could be a website on the Internet, the storage medium as recited in claim 27 could be a CD, and the local system as recited in claim 27 could be a PC. In this example the PC could be in communication with the website through the Internet.

The PC has a reader, which in this example could be a CD drive, a detector and a remote accesser. In this system when the detector is activated the remote accesser accesses the remote system or website in this example. Therefore the activation of the detector will control when the website is accessed.

The invention as recited in claim 28 in this example will access a website when the reader detects the presence of a CD in the CD drive. Therefore the website will be accessed regardless of what type of information is contained on the CD.

In other aspects of the invention as recited in claim 29, the website, in this example, will be accessed when information is accessed or detected on the storage medium (i.e., the CD). In the present example the invention as defined in claim 38 accesses the remote system (website) using URL address information stored in the local system (PC) when a storage medium (CD) is detected by the reader (CD drive).

In other embodiments of the invention a website is accessed based on information stored on the CD (i.e., storage device). For example the invention of the present application as recited in claim 30 accesses a website (remote system) when table of contents information stored on a CD is accessed. In another embodiment as recited in claim 39 the table of contents information stored on the CD is used to access information on the website (i.e., remote system).

The above are only some examples of the types of systems covered by the claims of the present invention.

It is respectfully submitted that none of the cited references discloses, teaches or suggests the limitations as recited in each of the newly submitted claims 27-56 of the present application.

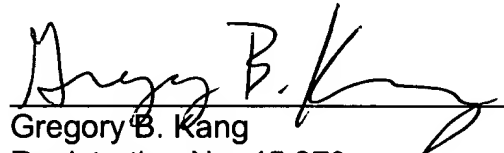
It is noted that the claim for foreign priority was previously acknowledged and that all priority documents have been indicated as being received.

It is further noted that there were no objections to the drawings.

In light of the foregoing Applicants respectfully submit that claims 15-56 are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner does not believe that the application is in condition for allowance, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned if it is believed that such contact will expedite the prosecution of the application.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, an appropriate extension of time is hereby petitioned for. The fee for this petition may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, along with any other fees associated with this paper.

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